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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DEVELOPMENTS SEPTEMBER 27

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1. NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN INFORMED AMBASSADOR MCHENRY AM SEPTEMBER 27 THAT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA WHICH THEY HAD SURFACED THE PREVIOUS EVENING (REFTEL) WAS NOT ONE WHICH THE AFRICANS COULD SPONSOR BUT RATHER WAS ONE WHICH THEY HOPED THE FIVE WOULD SPONSOR. THE CONTACT GROUP IMMEDIATELY MET, AGREED THAT
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WE COULD NOT SPONSOR THE RESOLUTION AS DRAFTED, AND SET ABOUT DEVELOPING A REVISED DRAFT WHICH WE COULD SPONSOR.

2. EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON AMBASSADOR MCHENRY AND MISOFF, ON BEHALF OF THE CONTACT GROUP, MET WITH HARRIMAN TO DISCUSS REVISED DRAFT. (THE OTHER TWO AFRICAN SECURITY

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COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE UNAVAILABLE.) HARRIMAN EXPRESSED SEVERAL CONCERNS (SEPTEL) BUT WAS GENERALLY RECEPTIVE. IN RESPONSE TO HIS COMMENTS, THE GROUP AGREED TO TWO CHANGES AND THEN PROVIDED THE TEXT TO THE OTHER AFRICAN SC MEMBERS, TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR SALIM, AND SWAPO UN REPRESENTATIVE GURIRAB. (REVISED DRAFT INCORPORATING THE TWO CHANGES CONTAINED SEPTEL.) THE AFRICANS CONSIDERED THE TEXT THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON BUT AN APPARENT LACK OF ORGANIZATION ON THEIR PART PREVENTED THEM FROM ADOPTING A COORDINATED POSITION ON THE DRAFT. IN THE ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FIVE AND THE AFRICANS ON A DRAFT RESOLUTION, THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATION PM SEPTEMBER 27 (SEPTEL) RESULTED ONLY IN A DECISION TO HOLD ANOTHER INFORMAL CONSULTATION THE NEXT MORNING.

3. WE ANTICIPATE AGREEMENT WITH THE AFRICANS EARLY SEPTEMBER 28 ON A DRAFT RESOLUTION AND ARE HOPEFUL THAT A FORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING CAN BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON; HOWEVER, IF ANY OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS REQUESTS 24 HOURS TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT, OR TO CONSIDER WALDHEIM'S INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT, (AS UN TRADITION ALLOWS) THE FORMAL SESSION WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL FRIDAY. YOUNG

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